

## CALL FOR EDITORS

### *POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY* 2018 through 2022

Western Political Science Association President Julie Novkov has announced the formation of a search committee to recommend the selection of a new editor or editors for the *Political Research Quarterly (PRQ)*. The term of the current editors—Jeanette Mendez, James Scott, and Clarissa Hayward—will expire on June 30, 2018. The association is seeking nominations of qualified individuals who would edit the journal from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2022. This four-year term is renewable for a two-year optional extension. Nominations and self nominations are both welcome. The WPSA encourages nominations of women and members of ethnic minorities.

#### **About the *Political Research Quarterly***

*Political Research Quarterly (PRQ)* is a refereed scholarly journal publishing original research in all areas of political science. Published quarterly in association with the Western Political Science Association, *PRQ* is one of the top ranked journals in the field. The journal publishes scholarly research of exceptionally high merit that covers the entire range of topics and subjects in political science, including:

- American politics
- Comparative politics
- Environmental policy and politics
- Gender and sexuality
- International relations
- Political theory and philosophy
- Public law
- Public policy and public administration
- Race and ethnicity

The editors are responsible for the substantive content of the journal. This includes, but is not limited to, advancing the journal's mission and reputation, soliciting articles, overseeing the peer review process, working with authors, consulting with and managing the editorial board, and collaborating with the publisher to increase the journal's visibility and readership. The new editors are encouraged to continue the journal's efforts to reflect the methodological and theoretical diversity of the discipline and to serve the full range of political science scholars.

## **Nominations and Inquiries**

Nominations and/or requests for more information should be submitted to:

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## **PRQ Editor Selection Committee**

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## ***PRQ* and the WPSA**

*PRQ*, formerly the *Western Political Quarterly*, has been owned and published by the University of Utah since 1948. Since 1971, it has been a cooperative endeavor between the University of Utah and the Western Political Science Association. The Memorandum of Understanding governing this cooperative effort may be obtained by contacting Cyrus Zirakzadeh ([cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu](mailto:cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu)) or Richard Clucas ([hprc@pdx.edu](mailto:hprc@pdx.edu)). Since 2007, SAGE Publications has served as the publisher of the journal.

## **Financial Arrangements**

Historically, editors of the *PRQ* have received support both from the University of Utah, owner of the *PRQ*, and the editors' home institution. Support from the home institution has typically included graduate assistant support, reduced teaching assignment, clerical support, office space, and operational funds. Editorial subvention from the *PRQ* (University of Utah) is provided to the editors. Annually, the editors provide an invoice outlining their intended use for the subvention. Expenses have typically included: *PRQ* related travel, office supplies, reception at conferences, telecommunications, postage, and editorial assistants. Copy editing and printing are handled by SAGE Publications.

Candidates can contact Mark Button ([mark.button@poli-sci.utah.edu](mailto:mark.button@poli-sci.utah.edu)) for information about financial aspects of the journal's operation or about its relationship with SAGE. Candidates also can contact Cyrus Zirakzadeh ([cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu](mailto:cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu)) or Richard Clucas ([hprc@pdx.edu](mailto:hprc@pdx.edu)) for information on the subvention amount and other financial matters. Further information about the operation of *PRQ* and the search is available on the WPSA website: <http://wpsanet.org>.

Candidates are also welcome to communicate directly with the current editors of the journal to learn more about the position of editor or to get advice about what sorts of institutional support is needed. The current editors are: Jeanette Mendez ([jeanette.mendez@okstate.edu](mailto:jeanette.mendez@okstate.edu)), James Scott ([j.scott@tcu.edu](mailto:j.scott@tcu.edu)), and Clarissa Hayward ([clarissarhayward@gmail.com](mailto:clarissarhayward@gmail.com)).

### **Application process**

Applications must be accompanied by:

- a modified curriculum vitae, which highlights activities relevant to overseeing a major political science journal.
- a candidate's statement about her/his goals for the journal, including ways of attracting manuscripts, working with authors, and increasing the journal's visibility and readership.
- a letter from the appropriate administrative office of the nominee's university, at the level of Dean or above, indicating that institution's willingness to commit appropriate support.

Given the broad range of topics and subjects published in the journal, candidates are encouraged to consider submitting proposals for joint or team editorships, including collaborating with colleagues across universities.

For full consideration, please submit nominations by May 15, 2017 when the committee will begin its review. Please email all application materials to Committee Chair Zirakzadeh ([cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu](mailto:cyrus.zirakzadeh@uconn.edu)) and WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas at [hprc@pdx.edu](mailto:hprc@pdx.edu).

It is possible that some phone interviews will be conducted over the summer with a short list of candidates. It is anticipated that the selection of the new editors will be made during the August 2017 APSA meeting in San Francisco, CA. Finalist interviews will likely be held the day before the APSA meetings begin, and a final decision will be made by the WPSA Executive Committee.